

2016 Regular Session

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 108

BY REPRESENTATIVE HOFFMANN

MEDICAID: Requests the Dept. of Health and Hospitals to create a Medicaid transformation plan

## 1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 To authorize and request the Department of Health and Hospitals to create a Medicaid  
3 transformation plan, and to convene a task force to advise the department in the  
4 development of the plan.

5 WHEREAS, on January 12, 2016, Governor John Bel Edwards issued Executive  
6 Order No. JBE 16-01 directing the Department of Health and Hospitals, referred to hereafter  
7 as the "department", to take all such actions as are necessary to expand Medicaid eligibility  
8 to adults who have incomes at or below one hundred thirty-eight percent of the federal  
9 poverty level, with the change in eligibility standards to become effective no later than July  
10 1, 2016; and

11 WHEREAS, the Legislature of Louisiana has a genuine and longstanding interest in  
12 the operation of an efficient, effective state Medicaid program; and

13 WHEREAS, the expansion of Medicaid coverage to include adults earning incomes  
14 of up to one hundred thirty-eight percent of the federal poverty level presents the state with  
15 an ideal opportunity to transform the Medicaid program; and

WHEREAS, department officials have expressed an intention to broaden awareness and understanding of opportunities for transformation of the Medicaid program among key stakeholders including legislators, healthcare providers, Medicaid enrollees, and Louisiana citizens who finance the Medicaid program with their tax dollars; and

1 WHEREAS, it is essential for the department to obtain input and support from the  
2 legislature and the public as it develops the strategies necessary to promote a transformation  
3 of the Medicaid program.

4 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby  
5 authorize and request the Department of Health and Hospitals to create a Medicaid  
6 transformation plan which outlines strategies for operating a more efficient and effective  
7 Medicaid system.

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the department shall convene a task force to  
9 make recommendations to the secretary of the department concerning development of the  
10 Medicaid transformation plan.

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force shall be composed of an appointee  
12 from each of the following organizations:

13 (1) The Louisiana House of Representatives appointed by the speaker of the  
14 House of Representatives.

15 (2) The Louisiana Senate appointed by the president of the Senate.

16 (3) The Department of Health and Hospitals appointed by the secretary of  
17 the department.

18 (4) The Department of Insurance appointed by the commissioner of  
19 insurance.

20 (5) The Louisiana Association of Health Plans appointed by the chief  
21 executive officer of the association.

22 (6) The Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center at New Orleans  
23 appointed by the chancellor of the center.

24 (7) The Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center at Shreveport  
25 appointed by the chancellor of the center.

26 (8) The Louisiana State Medical Society appointed by the chief executive  
27 officer of the organization.

28 (9) The Louisiana Primary Care Association appointed by the executive  
29 director of the association.

1                   (10) The Rural Hospital Coalition appointed by the executive director of the  
2 coalition.

3                   (11) The Louisiana Pharmacists Association appointed by the executive  
4 director of the association.

5                   (12) The Louisiana Hospital Association appointed by the president of the  
6 association.

7                   (13) The Louisiana Dental Association, who shall be appointed by the  
8 president of the board of directors of the association.

9                   (14) The Louisiana Ambulance Alliance appointed by the president of the  
10 organization.

11           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of the task force shall serve  
12 without compensation.

13           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force shall recommend to the secretary  
14 Medicaid transformation strategies which achieve all of the following objectives:

15           (1) Reflect Louisiana values.

16           (2) Make efficient use of taxpayer dollars.

17           (3) Promote personal responsibility.

18           (4) Assure access to quality care.

19           (5) Improve population health outcomes with evidence-based approaches.

20           (6) Provide for adequate and equitable reimbursement for healthcare services.

21           (7) Maximize federal funding.

22           (8) Protect graduate medical education.

23           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that legislative authority for the task force shall  
24 terminate on March 1, 2017.

25           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the department shall submit the Medicaid  
26 transformation plan required by this Resolution in the form of a written report to the  
27 legislature on or before March 1, 2017.

28           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the report shall include specific  
29 recommendations for enhancing the ability of Medicaid enrollees to use health services

1 efficiently and responsibly, and for better quality of care through incentives which reward  
2 value rather than volume.

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that innovations in the Medicaid program to be  
4 addressed in the plan may include but shall not be limited to the feasibility of implementing  
5 a Section 1115 demonstration waiver program, cost sharing functions inclusive of  
6 copayments and coinsurance, health savings accounts, and any other mechanism permitted  
7 by federal law.

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the  
9 secretary of the Department of Health and Hospitals, the commissioner of insurance, the  
10 chief executive officer of the Louisiana Association of Health Plans, the chancellor of the  
11 Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center at New Orleans, the chancellor of the  
12 Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center at Shreveport, the chief executive officer  
13 of the Louisiana State Medical Society, the executive director of the Louisiana Primary Care  
14 Association, the executive director of the Rural Hospital Coalition, the executive director  
15 of the Louisiana Pharmacists Association, the president of the Louisiana Hospital  
16 Association, the president of the board of directors of the Louisiana Dental Association, and  
17 the president of the Louisiana Ambulance Alliance.

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#### DIGEST

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Authorizes and requests the Dept. of Health and Hospitals to create a Medicaid transformation plan and directs the department to convene a task force to advise the department in development of the plan.

#### Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Health and Welfare to the original Resolution:

1. Adds the La. Hospital Assoc. as a member of the task force created by the Resolution.

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs to the engrossed Resolution:

1. Add the La. Dental Assoc. and La. Ambulance Alliance to the list of organizations from which members of the task force are appointed.

2. Specify the person who appoints the member to the task force from each organization.
3. Make technical changes.